

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13, as follows:

~~BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 19, as follows:

~~STATE OF THE ART~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 2, as follows:

~~PROBLEMS RELATED TO PRIOR ART~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 12, as follows:

~~OBJECTS OF THE PRESENT INVENTION~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 33, as follows:

~~SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9, as follows:

~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS~~

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11, as follows:

~~In the following there will be given detailed descriptions of embodiments
according to the present invention.~~